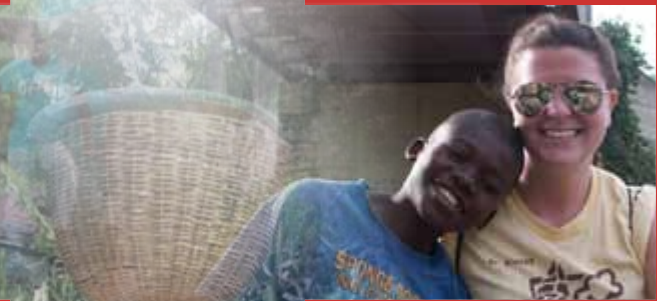


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### Saint Joseph's College:

A tradition of liberal education that is a  
united endeavor of intelligence and faith.

Large photo on the cover: Tiffany Hamilton '13, student nurse at St. Elizabeth School of Nursing, helps a child in a clinic in Haiti.

### Editor's Note

On page 14 of the Winter 2012 issue, a photo of Sr. Catherine Fay with an SJC student was published. We'd like to clarify that the student *was not* being counseled by Sr. Catherine Fay, but was, in fact, interviewing her for a newspaper story.

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# A FIRESIDE CHAT WITH FDR

In the heart of every Puma is the spirit of caring.

This is especially true of those who spent their lives at Saint Joseph's College helping to develop a culture of caring and building a future for others. One great example is **Fr. Lawrence Heiman, C.P.P.S. '40**, whose dedication, vision, and progressive thinking laid the cornerstone of the Music Department. He may be thought of as a gentle giant—kind and considerate, yet at the same time, a *force majeure* that has impacted campus forever and has made our Music Program what it is today.

Dr. John Egan, who spent 50 years of his life dedicated to teaching at SJC, has left behind an enormous contribution to Music, Core, and the Nursing Program—one that will be remembered for years to come. These professors have been models of how a spirit of dignity and caring may be brought to education.

Perhaps no program of Saint Joseph's College better demonstrates how individuals build a future—not for themselves, but for others—than our SJC/St. Elizabeth Nursing Program. Nursing clearly is a profession to which individuals are drawn as a personal calling. The fact that this particular Nursing Program is rooted in SJC's Christian Humanist principles means that our nurses are called to defend and promote the respect and dignity of all human life, wherever that life may be—in Lafayette, in Indiana, or in Haiti.

Delivered upon the foundation of our signature academic experience (Core) and as the College's largest program, Nursing is deeply representative of the mission of Saint Joseph's College. Nursing students experience the hands-on, practical application of what they've learned in the classroom, which prepares them to be capable of "boots-on-the-ground advocacy." With the farsighted, beyond-our-own-backyard concern that we have together as partners, SJC and St. Elizabeth extend our classrooms and campuses to reach and touch lives in a global setting. Our nurses are not only advocates of a whole and productive life for everyone, but they have the skills to make it happen in places we might not think about every day.

It is sometimes hard to explain why some individuals are so driven to solve difficult problems, committed to promoting a higher quality of life for others, and drawn to a greater responsibility for the community—especially those unlike their own.

For us...it's a Puma thing.



President Dennis Riegelneegg

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# A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE

## Nursing Program



I am in my third and final year at St. Elizabeth. I graduate next May, and plan on working in an intensive care unit over the next several years, while I earn my Master of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN-FNP). I grew up in New Ross, Ind., which is a little town outside of Crawfordsville, Ind., and I currently live in Lebanon, Ind. with my husband. I have been blessed with a very supportive family and love spending time with them.

I have been interested in nursing for quite some time. After spending some time with loved ones in the ICU, I realized how vital the nurse's role is not only for the patient, but for the family as well. I became aware of SJC/St. Elizabeth School of Nursing through my father-in-law, **Karl Barowsky '95**, who graduated from the Program and is an RN at St. Elizabeth East.

I believe that caring is essential in nursing, and I feel like the Nursing Program teaches students the importance of caring. The Program helps students attain the skills they need to be a truly great nurse, by incorporating not only nursing classes, but Core classes, as well as statistics and research. The Program incorporates the best of the best as far as nursing programs by combining the BSN with the di-

ploma, which allows their graduates to have not only clinical skills, but leadership skills too.

The trip to Haiti in March was a truly life-changing experience. We had four days of clinic, and four days were really spent traveling, because of flights and the length of the trip to and from Port-au-Prince and Gros Morne. There were nine students that went on the trip in March: five instructors, Deacon John Jezierski, and the Director of Student Services from St. Elizabeth, Dr. Mary Ilu Altman.

We set up make-shift clinics at different locations around Gros Morne and basically saw as many people as we could, which was usually around 200 a day, give or take. We provided basic care that consisted of treating hypertension, anemia, worms, heartburn, and just your run-of-the-mill aches and pains. There were some cases of malaria, and for the most part, the Haitians could tell us whether or not they thought they had malaria. Everyone we saw was given a supply of vitamins, soap, a toothbrush, and toothpaste, along with whatever prescriptions were needed for their diagnosis.

I learned so much from the experience, not just in terms of nursing, but about life. Haiti is a very corrupt country, which was a struggle for me at first, but now I can see

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# THAT CHANGES LIVES

## Teaches Students the Importance of Caring



how naïve I was. The people that I encountered were beyond amazing. I have never in my life seen such poverty yet such faith. The best thing I did when I was there was

simply to hold a boy's hand. His finger had been cut off in a motorcycle accident the week before and needed to be cleaned. While one of my peers was cleaning it, I looked over and saw him grimacing, and all I could think was, he is just a little boy, so I went over and held his hand and rubbed his back and told him he was doing good. (All we had for pain was Ibuprofen and Tylenol.)

We had a lot of fun, even though we experienced a lot of heartache. It was a trip for the Transculture class, so we also got to spend time mingling with the people. We danced and played with little kids and really enjoyed another side of Haiti that people never see. Haiti is a beautiful country, full of beautiful people.

If I can teach anybody anything about my experience, it would be that unless you have experienced something for yourself, you shouldn't speculate or judge. People all over the world are suffering, and the best thing that a person can do is to physically do something about it, if they

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can. I know that people are suffering in the United States, but at least we have the resources to do something about it. I did not see one food pantry or

homeless shelter in Haiti. People still live in tents all over Port-au-Prince because of an earthquake that happened over two years ago. Sometimes just being there to hold someone's hand is worth a million dollars, and at least you know it is serving the purpose you want it to serve.

**–Tiffany Hamilton '13, student nurse**

*Tiffany Hamilton '13*







## St. Elizabeth School of Nursing Program

# GOD'S HEL

Karrie Tarter, Assistant Professor of Nursing at  
St. Elizabeth, helps a child in Haiti.



Professor Kimbra Weesner sees  
patients sitting out in lawn chairs.



Student group from the March 2012 trip.



**T**he Saint Joseph's College Nursing Program is also the College's largest program, with 237 students.

In 1897, the Sisters of St. Francis opened the St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing as a training school for members of their order. By 1937, the community's need for nurses had grown so great that the school began admitting lay students.

The curriculum offered by the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing – Saint Joseph's College Consortium Nursing Program is an integrated Diploma-Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) curriculum that prepares the graduates to become eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN). After successful completion of the examination, the graduate is licensed to practice as a registered nurse.

St. Elizabeth's annual mission trips are one of the school's greatest assets as they provide students and faculty with a rare and coveted opportunity for cultural immersion. It complements the Core Program very well in its goal of exposing students to foreign cultures and allowing them to gain valuable world experience.

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**Nurses are  
naturally loving,  
and love is the  
greatest gift of all.  
Dr. John Egan**

Dr. Mary Ilu Altman, Director of Student Services at St. Elizabeth, described some of the Program's greatest strengths.

"Global clinical experiences, learning in small groups in international clinical settings closely supervised by excellent faculty, and opportunities to work with volunteers from Haiti and throughout the U.S. are just part of what makes the Nursing Program so special," said Altman. "Besides offering an excellent learning experience, the mission trips are covered through tuition, meaning there is no additional cost for the students."

The greatest signifier of the uniqueness of the Nursing Program is its foundation in Catholic Social Teaching. The mission of the Program is to promote an environment that values life-long learning of individuals who are confident in confronting the issues and complexities of delivering quality care today and in the future, with intelligence, faith, service, and stewardship. Furthermore, the Program aims to prepare graduates to assume leadership roles giving witness to the Christian Humanism values of justice, respect, and commitment to human solidarity and interdependence on local, national, and global levels.

Dr. John Egan, who taught Cores 3 and 4 at St. Elizabeth for 16 years, believes the Christian Humanist principles of the Program are tailor-made for Nursing students.

"The students come in with loving hearts," said Egan. "They want to help and heal those in need, and I always valued the opportunity to work with those wonderful men and women. They are God's helpers, constantly working to build a better world."

In reflecting on the Nursing students, Egan offered a line from First Corinthians. "And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love."

"Nurses are naturally loving," said Egan, "and love is the greatest gift of all."

Karrie Tarter, Assistant Professor of Nursing at St. Elizabeth, has worked there since 1995. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from Purdue University and her MSN from Indiana University. Tarter, whose specialty is as a neonatal nurse practitioner, has gone on two mission trips to Haiti, including one in March 2012. She shared some of the group's experiences on the trips and why they are such an important part of the students' education.

"There is a lot of planning that goes into these trips," said Tarter. "Reading and writing assignments, history lessons on Haiti, and Creole language lessons are all required of the students. With 10-12 students per trip, the group gets very close and everyone learns to rely on each other."

Once in Haiti, the group tries to see as many patients as possible. Visiting rural areas with little access to health care and setting up shop in a church to see patients has made for memorable – albeit gritty – experiences. Tarter recalled one patient whom she still thinks of regularly. On her second trip to Haiti, a lethargic and dehydrated infant, just days old, was brought to the group by her father. Because of cultural reasons, the mother was not allowed to leave the house, which made it difficult for Tarter and the students to get reliable information on what was wrong with the infant.

The group was forced to refer the baby to a clinic and provide transportation for her and her father. To receive health care at a Haitian clinic, a fee must be paid before entering the clinic. They gave the man what they hoped would be enough money, but they never found out if the infant was treated or if she and her father even had enough money to be let inside.

"In the United States, there would have been no problem," said Tarter. "Not knowing what happened to that baby is something I still struggle with. However, our students learn in Haiti to value the benefits of living and practicing healthcare in an advanced country."

What is a tremendous educational experience has also proven to be spiritual. Tarter recalled that two students on the last trip to Haiti had no religious convictions upon arriving in Haiti, yet both of them began searching for a church following the trip.

**Our students learn in Haiti to value the benefits of living and practicing healthcare in an advanced country.**  
**Karrie Tarter**

“We attended a Catholic Mass, and we saw local people giving coins to the church. Those coins were probably a good portion of the money those people possessed. It really gave us a better appreciation of all that we have.”

The mission trips provide tremendous learning experiences for the Nursing students, but the trips are just part of what makes the Nursing Program so special. Anita Reed is the Division Coordinator for Adult and Community Health and Coordinator of Admissions at St. Elizabeth. Reed expressed that one of the Nursing Program’s greatest strengths is the same as those of all the academic programs at SJC.

“The Nursing students practice hands-on clinical nursing every semester of their college career,” said Reed. “SJC prides itself on giving its students the opportunity to jump into their major on day one, and it’s no different at St. Elizabeth.”

Despite the 40 miles separating SJC and St. Elizabeth, the bond between the two institutions remains strong. With both schools dedicated to providing students with a hands-on education rooted in Christian values and ethics from day one, it’s no surprise why they continue to form such a strong partnership.



## QUICK FACTS: ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL OF NURSING

- + Located in Lafayette, Indiana
- + Total students: 237
- + Females: 228; Males: 9
- + Ethnicity:
  - Hispanic: 12
  - Asian/Pacific Islander: 2
  - Black/Non-Hispanic: 16
  - American Indian/Alaskan Native: 2
  - White/Non-Hispanic: 205

- + Age range: 18 – 53 years of age
- + Residence: 234 - IN; 3 - IL
- + Mission Trip to Haiti
  - First trip: December 26, 2011 to January 3, 2012
  - Second trip: March 2, 2012 to March 10, 2012
- + 88.2% of students passed the NCLEX-RN
- + 100% of 2009-10 graduates who responded to a job placement questionnaire found a nursing position within six months of completion of the Program.

*Data as of April 20, 2012*

**Image above: March 2012 Haiti Mission Team included students, faculty, translators, and hosts.**



*(L to R) John, Jr. with wife Jennifer; John Geske Sr. '81 with Michael Stephen Johannning (Class of 2034); Cathy Travnik Geske '81; Michael Geske, Eric Johannning '06 and Kristin Geske Johannning '06*



### KRISTIN GESKE JOHANNING '06

SJC has always been a part of my life. My parents are alumni and as a kid, I would visit SJC with them for Homecoming and different events. I love the close-knit family that I experienced through my parents and wanted that for myself. SJC prides itself on being Involved For Life, and that sealed the deal for me.

My experience was extremely positive. I was involved in band, color guard, Habitat for Humanity, the sciences, and so much more. I still keep in touch with the lifelong friends that I made at SJC, and I even met my husband there. Also, my parents met each other at SJC and made lifelong friends. My parents were also very involved—my dad played football and recently was inducted into the Hall of Fame. My mother was the Puma mascot and was involved in Homecoming. Times have changed, but the traditions have not. Being involved in the Puma community and enjoying lifelong friendships created wonderful experiences at SJC.

After SJC, I attended Johns Hopkins University and received a degree in Nursing. I currently am an emergency room nurse at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. SJC helped me to further my career and gain experiences at the top two hospitals in the country. My husband and I just had a little boy three months ago, and we can't wait to share SJC with him - Class of 2034.

### CATHY TRAVNIK GESKE '81

I attended a large university for my first two years of college. I felt lost among the 25,000 students there. My parents had suggested SJC to finish my college career. I knew SJC was where I belonged. I became very involved in educational groups as well as social/athletic groups. I was the SJC Puma mascot, was a member of the Business Club, I worked for the Business Department, and enjoyed playing several intramural sports. I definitely made friends for life—including meeting my husband of 30 years.

My husband and I raised Kristin to be a strong, independent woman. It was her choice to attend SJC. Education was always a top priority in life; however, part of education is life experiences. SJC had that perfect balance for Kristin and we couldn't be prouder.

I enjoyed my years at SJC. I cannot even imagine the path my life would have taken if SJC was not part of my life. I treasure the education, friendships, and family that have been built out of my attending SJC.

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# — CLASS of 2012 —

## *Accepts the Challenge to Kinship & Care for Human Life*

This year, one alumnus and three graduates have applied and have been accepted to law school. Alumnus **Jonathan Kirkland '11** (Political Science major) will attend the University of Detroit Mercy Law School; Political Science major **Chelsea Gierymski '12** of Highland, Ind. will be attending Valparaiso University School of Law; and Political Science major **Jeanette Kowalczyk '12** of Cedar Lake, Ind. will attend Thomas Cooley Law School. Thinking about her time at SJC, Kowalczyk said, "I really liked how all my professors are easily accessible. I think the small campus gave me a chance to get to know people better than a larger college would." Valedictorian **Adam Ruggles '12** had several acceptances and plans to attend law school at the University of Notre Dame. The Haubstadt, Ind., native was a double-major in Political Science and Philosophy: "This institution has given each of us so much that we are charged with upholding the reputation of this College....



Kowalczyk



Bailey



Bennett



Sparks



Ruggles



Corwin



Delach



B. Rooney

We are champions of this institution and want others to have the opportunity for an education like we had — one that treats the whole person: intellectually, socially and spiritually."

Criminal Justice major **Mario Bailey '12**, from Kankakee, Ill. will join the Army in September. "I am really excited to start the next phase of my life." **Brandon Bennett '12**, an English major from DeMotte, Ind., has been accepted into Purdue Calumet's graduate program in English. DeMotte, Ind. native **Hannah Sparks '12**, who majored in

English Education, is very excited about joining Teach for America. Two History majors—**Kathi Corwin '12** from Valparaiso, Ind. and **Mary Delach '12** from Brookston, Ind. will be entering the Ball State master's program in Historic Preservation this fall. **Brittany Rooney '12**, an Elementary Education major who hails from Grant Park, Ill., has accepted a K-6 teaching position in Kipnuck, Alaska, in a village with a population of 677. Her special education class will have about 12 students. She said, "There were a lot of highlights of my time here, but I really liked going on a Kairos retreat." Brittany's grandfather, **Tim Rooney '61**, was a 1961 graduate of SJC. "It's fantastic that my granddaughter is graduating from SJC. I

**CARING FOR HUMAN LIFE & DIGNITY + Fr. David Kelly, C.P.P.S. '77**, who graduated from SJC with a Bachelor of Science in Biology-Chemistry, served as the Commencement speaker for SJC's 117th class of graduating seniors on May 6. Fr. Kelly is the executive director of the Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation (PBMR) in Chicago. The ministry reaches out to youth from Chicago's Back of the Yards neighborhood—to those who have gotten into trouble or found themselves victims of a violent system. Fr. Kelly has been able to support countless youth, creating an environment for healing and reconciliation. "I challenge you to kinship.

When you take the time to enter into alliance with others ... you are not far from the kingdom of God. I am encouraged by the spirituality that has been at the heart of this college experience. It is spirituality that calls us to unity, to be in relationship with one another.... I challenge you to make room for everyone, especially those for whom there is little room."







Britney Cruse '12, Meigan Rennels '12



Courtney Tam '12, Ashley Rayburn '12, Elysse Hillyer '12, Patricia Roeder '12



Bishop Timothy Doherty



Roeder



Lohmuller



Sailors



Avina

have come to Homecoming every year, and have a lot of wonderful memories here...."

English major and Goshen, Ind. native **Patricia Ann Roeder '12** will become a woman religious. "I came here knowing I needed to decide about joining a

religious order," she said. "I had been wondering about it since my junior year in high school. With the Chapel being open 24/7, I saw it as a place where, if I kept up my part of the bargain, perhaps it could come to fruition. A lot of things came together in one place here. I am definitely sending the convent address to everyone at SJC." Roeder will enter the order in September.

Chemistry major from Fort Wayne, Ind. **Monica Lohmuller '12** has accepted a chemistry teaching position at Benton Central Junior-Senior High School in Oxford, Ind. "I was introduced at the school board meeting on May 21 and picked up my keys shortly after school was done for the summer. I am excited for what the future has in store for me."

**Seth Sailors '12**, a Huntington, Ind. native who had received the prestigious Thomas J. Huhn Scholarship and gained valuable experience in tax accounting doing an internship through SJC Career Services, has accepted a position with Katz, Sapper & Miller LLC in Indianapolis; he starts in October. The Accounting major looks forward to his future: "My goal is to help Katz, Sapper & Miller grow and remain one of the top accounting firms in Indianapolis—and to one day become a partner."

Accounting major and Lafayette, Ind. native **Emily Thieme '12** obtained a position with Crowe Horwath in Indianapolis. Business/Economics major **Philip Trowbridge '12** of Mokena, Ill. acquired a position in Chicago with CDW, a leading provider of technology products and services. Business major **Nevin Shearer '12** of Dearborn, Mich., obtained a position with Fortune 500 company Sherwin-Williams in Michigan. Accounting major **Kristen Miller '12** of Lake Village, Ind. has obtained a position with Huth Thompson in Rensselaer.

Wheaton, Ill. native **Matt Foltz '11** just finished his Master of Science in Accountancy at the University of Notre Dame and has obtained a position at one of the nation's largest certified public accounting firms, Plante Moran, in Chicago.

In May, **Ethan Avina '12** started his new job at SJC as Director of Event Services.



Senior Class  
President **Matt  
Schumacher '12**



# THE TOUGHEST JOB

Mike Koscielny '10 Shares His Peace Corps Experience in China

Visit Mike's blog,  
"Waiguoren on Rice," at  
<http://waiguorenonrice.blogspot.com>

*Mike Koscielny '10 atop the Maji Shan, a  
Buddhist mountain in Eastern Gansu Province*



# HE'LL EVER LOVE

**M**ike Koscielny '10 has always felt a call to service. A regular on Habitat for Humanity trips during his time at SJC, Koscielny is now a Peace Corps volunteer (PCV) working in China.

A native of Bristol, Ind., Koscielny landed in China July 1, 2011 after undergoing pre-service orientation in Chicago. He will not return to the United States until next summer, when his Peace Corps service ends.

All PCVs in China work as English teachers in post-secondary education. Koscielny, who received his Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, is working at Lanzhou Jiaotong University in Lanzhou, Gansu. He is teaching undergraduate and post-graduate students who are majoring in English.

Leaving the comfort of home for two years has certainly been a challenge, but Koscielny is enjoying his time as a PCV. SJC, he says, is one of the main reasons he joined the Peace Corps.

"I'm here because of what I learned and discovered about myself while at SJC. Spending four years volunteering with Campus Ministry and Habitat for Humanity—including the international trip to Guatemala—I realized spending two years volunteering abroad is a dream come true."

Koscielny was better prepared than most for the experience, as he took Core China his junior year. Although it pro-

vided only small glimpses into what it's like living in China, it gave him a solid foundation in the cultural and political background of the country.

Considering all Koscielny did as a student at SJC, it's no surprise he's spending his time volunteering in a foreign country. The theme of his Core 9 manifesto was volunteerism, and he studied abroad in London his junior year.

"Living and working in China has been starkly different than my time in London. In Europe, I got to see small differences in the way people lived and behaved. However, all of that is incomparable to life in China. There's something utterly fascinating about the Chinese culture. It's a lot of fun navigating in a place that is so different from what I am used to."

Koscielny's time in China has not been short on memories. He celebrated the Spring Festival (the Chinese New Year) with a Chinese student and her family, ran the Lanzhou Half-Marathon, tried duck blood soup, and saw the Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses.

"The experience has been remarkable. It's been equal parts fantastic, fun, fascinating, and frustrating. One of the Peace Corps mottos or catch-phrases is 'the toughest job you'll ever love,' and it's accurate. No matter what I could be doing right now, I'd be facing challenges, so I don't let the challenges be the definitive aspect of my experience. It's the positive experiences that make it unique and worthwhile."

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**I'm here because of what I learned and discovered about myself while at SJC.**



*Koscielny '10 with his host family at the Chengdu Panda Base*

*Koscielny '10 celebrates the Chinese New Year with his host family*



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*(L-R) Monica Lohmuller '12, Jade Anthrop '12, Kenneth Rossi '12, Hannah Sparks '12, and Caitlin Wedding Beasley '12*

## SENIOR OF THE YEAR CANDIDATES

## GRADUATION "HEADS OF STATE"



*(L-R) President Riegelneegg, Bishop Timothy Doherty, Fr. Larry Hemmelgarn, C.P.P.S. '79, Stephen Ligda '62*





## STUDENT TEACHING *in* *the* LAND DOWN UNDER

**A**t Saint Joseph's College, a strong emphasis is placed on students gaining knowledge of different cultures and expanding their worldview. This is done mainly through the Core Program, which prepares students for the future mentally, spiritually, and intellectually. The chance to go abroad to build on the foundation provided by Core is one that several students have undertaken, including Elementary Education major **Sammy Jo Mitchell '12** of Crawfordsville, Ind.

Mitchell arranged to fulfill her student teaching requirement in Australia through Indiana University Bloomington. SJC Professor of Education Dr. Jennifer Barce brought to Mitchell's attention a program that offered a cultural immersion project that allowed students to teach overseas.

"I had wanted to go to Australia since I was a little girl," said Mitchell. "I liked the vibe I got from the country while researching it, and the sandy beaches, of course, sounded great!"

Mitchell arrived in Australia on March 11, 2012. She taught at Crib Point Primary School in Crib Point, Victoria, in a class of 28 students. She resided with a host family in Crib Point for nearly three months.

"The experience was fantastic," said Mitchell. "I was able to fully immerse myself in the culture and the school at which I taught. I really fell in love with the community."

Carrying along SJC's spirit of service, Mitchell engaged in community activities outside of school. She volunteered at the local Toy Library and the Shire Office.

She also traveled to many historical places in Australia, such as the Sydney Opera House, Phillip Island, and Point Nepean.

From her experience in Australia, Mitchell learned a great deal about herself and how SJC prepared her for the experience abroad.

"SJC prepared me in several ways for my time in Australia," said Mitchell. "The SJC Education Department provided me with all the tools that I needed to be able to teach a class of my own. The rigorous Core Curriculum taught me to cherish the historical background of Australia, and the faculty at SJC helped me to plan a shortened senior year in order to make the experience possible."

From learning to drive on the other side of the road to teaching a classroom full of students on the other side of the world, Mitchell came back from Australia knowing she could handle any obstacle in the future. Because of how much she enjoyed the experience, she wants others to have the same opportunity.

"I would love to be able to start a cultural immersion project at SJC. I

believe that more students would love to participate in an overseas program, regardless of the area of study."

Mitchell returned to Indiana on June 9 with the hope of landing a teaching job in Rensselaer. With four years of experience in elementary classrooms coupled with her time in Australia, Mitchell has all the confidence in the world about her abilities, and wherever she ends up, her students will be fortunate to have her at the helm.



*Mitchell '12 outside of Crib Point Primary School*

# EVENTS Calendar

All times are CDT unless  
otherwise indicated

## Summer/Fall 2012

**8/16:** Freshman Orientation; Puma Movers  
**8/20:** Classes Begin  
**8/23:** Opening Convocation  
**9/28-30:** Homecoming  
**10/23:** Business Network Reception, 6-8 pm (EDT),  
Weber Grill, Indianapolis  
Contact [kendra@saintjoe.edu](mailto:kendra@saintjoe.edu)

## Sports Schedule

GLVC games are in italics.

Home games are in bold.

### MEN'S SOCCER

**8/18:** @Valparaiso University, 7:00 p.m.  
**8/21:** @Cornerstone University, 7:00 p.m.  
**8/24:** **University of Michigan**, 7:00 p.m.  
**9/2:** Saginaw Valley State University, 12:00 p.m.  
**9/5:** @Wabash College, 5:30 p.m. (EDT)  
**9/7:** **Rockhurst University**, 5:00 p.m.  
**9/9:** **William Jewell College (Mo.)**, 12:00 p.m.  
**9/14:** *Missouri S & T*, 7:30 p.m.  
**9/16:** *Drury University*, 2:30 p.m.  
**9/21:** *Bellarmino University*, 6:00 p.m.  
**9/23:** *McKendree University*, 2:30 p.m.  
**9/28:** **University of Southern Indiana**, 5:00 p.m.  
**9/30:** **Kentucky Wesleyan College**, 12:00 p.m.  
**10/5:** *University of Illinois-Springfield*, TBA  
**10/7:** *Quincy University*, TBA  
**10/12:** **Maryville University**, 5:00 p.m.  
**10/14:** **University of Missouri-St. Louis**, 12:00 p.m.  
**10/19:** *Lewis University*, 7:30 p.m.  
**10/21:** **University of Wisconsin-Parkside**, 12:00 p.m.  
**10/24:** **University of Indianapolis**, 5:00 p.m.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

**8/31:** **Tiffin University (Ohio)**, 7:00 p.m.  
**9/2:** **University of Findlay**, 1:00 p.m.  
**9/7:** **Rockhurst University**, 7:30 p.m.  
**9/9:** **William Jewell College (Mo.)**, 2:30 p.m.  
**9/14:** *Missouri S & T*, 5:00 p.m.  
**9/16:** *Drury University*, 12:00 p.m.  
**9/21:** *Bellarmino University*, 3:45 p.m. (EDT)  
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### MEN'S FOOTBALL

**8/30:** Valparaiso University, 7:00 p.m.  
**9/6:** University of Charleston, 7:00 p.m. (EDT)  
**9/15:** Robert Morris College (Ill.), 2:00 p.m.  
**9/22:** **Central State University**, 12:00 p.m.  
**9/29:** **Quincy University**, 12:00 p.m.  
**10/6:** *University of Indianapolis*, 6:00 p.m. (EDT)  
**10/13:** **Urbana University (Ohio)**, 12:00 p.m.  
**10/20:** **William Jewell College (Mo.)**, 1:00 p.m.  
**10/27:** **Kentucky Wesleyan College**, 12:00 p.m.  
**11/3:** **Missouri S & T**, 12:00 p.m.  
**11/10:** *McKendree University*, 1:30 p.m.

### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS

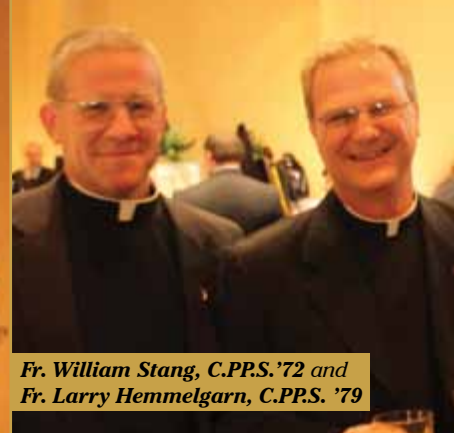
**9/29:** ALUMNI MATCH (HOMECOMING), TBD







*Todd Huff '03 and  
Jennifer Frankowski Huff '03*



*Fr. William Stang, C.P.P.S. '72 and  
Fr. Larry Hemmelgarn, C.P.P.S. '79*

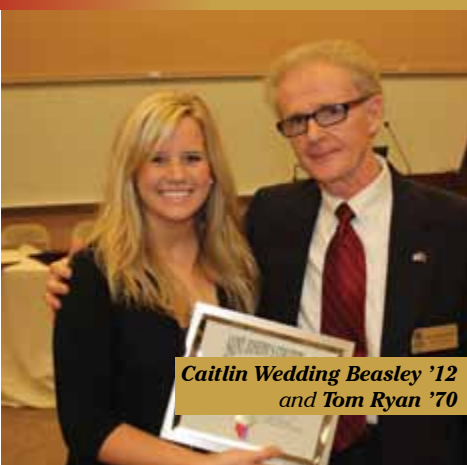


*Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S. '78  
and Most Rev. William Higi*

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### ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY



*Caitlin Wedding Beasley '12  
and Tom Ryan '70*



*Adam Ruggles '12 and John Rahe*



*Kelly Ford and  
Katie Dittman '12*

# PUMA BASKETBALL LEGEND

## *Receives Prestigious Award*

In May 2012, The Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) named **Jim Thordsen '75** as the recipient of the 2012 Dr. Charles Bertram Alumni Award of Distinction. A former basketball player at Saint Joseph's College, Thordsen was recognized by the GLVC at the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Spring Awards Banquet in St. Louis, Mo.

Thordsen was visibly touched as he accepted the award. He thanked close friends and family, including his first roommate, **Bill Hogan '74**, former SJC Athletic Director **Richard F. Scharf '38**, his coaches and teammates, and his wife, children, and parents.

Thordsen has long been an advocate of Puerto Rico's athletics, tourism, and commerce ventures. The Santurce, Puerto Rico native played in the 1972 Olympic Trials and the 1976 Olympics as a member of the Puerto Rican National Basketball Team. In Montreal, the 1976 Puerto Rican team finished ninth and came within a single point of upsetting the eventual gold medal-winning United States in the preliminary rounds. Following his playing career, he collaborated as a sports coordinator for the VIII Pan American Games in 1979 and directed the planning of the Central American Games 1980-82. He is a past member of the Department of Recreation and Sports Board and founder and former president of the Basketball Players Association in Puerto Rico.

"Jimmy Thordsen is a sportsman in every sense of the word. He truly embodies the mission of Saint Joseph's College and has never wavered in his advocacy," said Director of Athletics **Bill Massoels '89**.

Thordsen was a member of the Puma basketball team 1971-75, serving as a four-year letter winner and a three-time selection as the Indiana Collegiate Conference Most

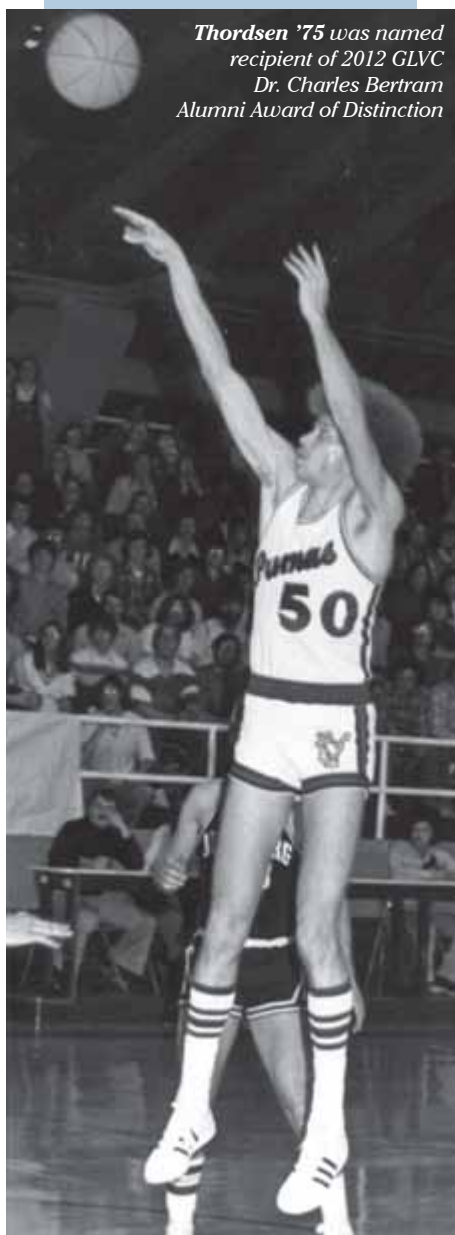
Valuable Player. He was twice selected an Academic All-American and Little All-American, which marked the first time a native of Puerto Rico was named to the Little All-American team. He finished his career with 2,148 points and 945 rebounds in 105 games, averaging 20.5 points and 9.0 rebounds per game. His point and rebound totals remain school records. Thordsen was also accurate from

the field, having made 809 of his 1,485 attempts for a career shooting percentage of 54 percent.

Thordsen's best year at SJC was his junior season, when he averaged 25.9 points, 8.5 rebounds, and shot 55 percent from the field while dishing out 84 assists in the 29 games. He guided SJC to the Indiana Collegiate Conference Championship and the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional title, before falling 80-78 to Southwest Missouri State in the NCAA Division II Championship in 1974.

Following his collegiate career, Thordsen's impact was still felt on campus. He received the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Award in 1975, and SJC granted a scholarship in his name which is given to one Puerto Rican student each year. He was named to the SJC Sports Hall of Fame in 1981, and his jersey number was retired by SJC in 2004.

He has since founded his own company, James Thordsen, Inc., in San Juan, Puerto Rico, a sports marketing and public relations agency, holding several major international accounts, including Finlandia, Burger King, Colgate-Palmolive, and Energizer, among others. He is a member of the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce, for which he is on the Board of Directors, and was designated as a member of the Puerto Rico Free Commerce Treaty Commission in 1995.



*Thordsen '75 was named recipient of 2012 GLVC Dr. Charles Bertram Alumni Award of Distinction*



# A STELLAR CAREER

*for Kaleb Thompson '12*

**F**rankfort, Ind. native **Kaleb Thompson '12** ended his career for the Saint Joseph's College men's outdoor track and field team with an eighth place finish at the NCAA Championships on May 26. Thompson also became an All-American for the fourth time in his career with his finish in the shot put.

Thompson went into the NCAA Championships ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in the shot put and produced a mark of 56'.5" on his second attempt. The mark put Thompson in seventh after the first three attempts with only 9 of 16 competitors reaching the finals. Thompson went for big marks in his final three attempts, fouling on three chances and falling to eighth place overall.

In his previous three appearances in the NCAA Championships, Thompson earned All-American status three times. He finished seventh in the shot put for the 2012 indoor season, but previously placed fifth in the 2011 outdoor season and eighth in the 2010 outdoor season.

It also marks the 23<sup>rd</sup> time an athlete has earned an All-American award under the tenure of head coach **Bill Massoels '89** and the ninth time for throws coach **Joe Koczan '01**. Thompson has accumulated the second most All-

American honors in school history. **Laura Witek-Jones '97** achieved All-American status six times in her career.

"This marks the end to a stellar career," said Massoels, who coached in his 39<sup>th</sup> NCAA Championships Meet. "Kaleb has always proven he can produce on the biggest stage of the game. He did not back down one bit, and we are nothing but proud of his accomplishments."



*Kaleb Thompson '12*

*Eric Meyerchick '12*

## SIGNS WITH DIAMONDBACKS

**S**JC pitcher **Eric Meyerchick '12** (Lansing, Ill., Thornton Fractional South) signed a free-agent contract with the Arizona Diamondbacks. Meyerchick was recently added to the roster of the Windy City Thunderbolts, appearing in one game.

"This has been overwhelming," said Meyerchick. "I am excited for this new opportunity and couldn't be more thankful for all the support I have received ... and my baseball career."

Meyerchick dominated in his last three starts in a SJC uniform, picking up victories in all three contests while completing 26 innings. He sits near the top of the GLVC in ERA, innings pitched, and strikeouts. He also earned First Team All-GLVC honors this season.

"This is a well deserved honor," said head baseball coach **Rick O'Dette '99**. "Eric is a guy who came in knowing he had to work his rear off to become a better player. He sacrificed his time outside of practice and in-between his school work just to have an opportunity. We could not be happier for him; it is tough to say who is more excited, Eric or our staff."



*Eric Meyerchick '12*



*Rick O'Dette '99*

# Saint Joseph's College Inducts Five Alumni into SPORTS HALL OF FAME



On Saturday, April 21, five Saint Joseph's College alumni were inducted into the SJC Sports Hall of Fame. The inductees include **Nancy Scott Valenkamph '81**, **John Geske '81**, **Walter Prochno '76**, **Roy Kuennen, Ph.D. '77**, and **Rick O'Dette '99**.

While at SJC, **Nancy Scott Valenkamph '81** played basketball and volleyball. As a member of the volleyball team, Valenkamph was voted the team's MVP all four years she played and served as the team's captain in 1980. That year, the team was ranked in the top ten in the country. In Valenkamph's four years playing volleyball, the team had a record of 126-39.

In his two seasons with the team, **John Geske '81** caught 66 passes and recorded seven touchdowns. He averaged 12.6 yards per catch and compiled a total of 830 receiving yards. He is 16<sup>th</sup> all-time in career touchdown receptions. His six touchdowns in 1980 were the second highest single season total in the College's history at the time. Geske was named first team All-Conference in 1979. Geske graduated in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. Following graduation, Geske was signed as a free agent by the Chicago Bears.

A three-year starter as a linebacker and defensive lineman for the Pumas, **Walter Prochno '76** was named the team MVP in 1975 and First Team All-Indiana Collegiate Conference as a nose guard. That same year, he was nominated for the Indiana Collegiate Conference's Tony Hinkle Award, given to an outstanding student-athlete.

Prochno finished his SJC career with 269 tackles in only 29 games. He was also named the wrestling team's outstanding freshman in 1972-1973 and the team captain for the 1975-1976 season. Since graduating, Prochno has divided his time among work, coaching, and running. He was the first of only four Hoosiers to ever finish the



*Bill Massoels '89 and Bertil Valenkamph '78*

Leadville Trail 100 Run, a 100-mile race through the Rocky Mountains. He has completed 41 marathons, 14 50-mile races, and was a qualifier and finisher in the Boston Marathon.

**Roy Kuennen, Ph.D. '77** left SJC with the second most interceptions in school history with 10. His six interceptions in 1976 were the fourth best single season total in SJC history.

He stands seventh all-time in SJC history with 874 kick return yards and graduated with the most kick return yards in school history. The record stood for 11 years.

**Rick O'Dette '99** was a pitcher for the SJC baseball team 1995-1997. He finished his career with a record of 15-3 and was named to the All-Region team in 1996 and the All-GLVC team in 1997. He helped the 1996 squad to a national runner-up finish at the Division II World Series in Montgomery, Ala. Following his junior season, O'Dette was selected by the Boston Red Sox in the 15<sup>th</sup> round of the 1997 amateur draft. He played at four different levels within the Red Sox organization.

Taking over as SJC's head baseball coach in 2000, O'Dette has led his alma mater to two of the top three single season win totals in program history with 42 in 2005 and 46 in 2008. He collected his 300th career head coaching victory on April 2, 2010 with a come-from-behind 13-10 victory over Kentucky Wesleyan College.

In 2008, O'Dette led SJC to a final record of 46-18. The Pumas earned the right to host the North Central Regional at Standard Bank Stadium in Crestwood, Ill. The 46 wins rank second in school history behind the 1996 national runner-up team that won 52 games and for whom O'Dette played. SJC reached as high as eighth in the national rankings in 2008 and finished the season ranked 22<sup>nd</sup>. O'Dette is the winningest coach in SJC baseball history.

*Walter Prochno '76, Bertil Valenkamph '78 for Nancy Scott Valenkamph '81, Fr. Leonard Kostka, C.P.P.S. '35, Rick O'Dette '99, John Geske '81, Roy Kuennen, Ph.D. '77*



# THE *Cinderella* (SOFT)

The journey taken by the Saint Joseph's College softball team this spring was historic and memorable. The program set many milestones this season, but the path to the College World Series was certainly not foreseen.

SJC began the year being picked to finish seventh out of eight teams in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The Pumas opened the season winning seven of ten games in Clermont, Florida, and returned from the Sunshine State to win their first six league contests. As the final week of the season approached, SJC was sitting fourth in the regional rankings and second in the GLVC.

With the help of some dramatics, the Pumas upended the nation's no. 2 team, the University of Indianapolis,

The Pumas shocked GVSU 4-1 and followed the upset with a 1-0 victory over Ashland

in a mid-week contest in Rensselaer. SJC picked up a 2-1 victory followed by a 4-3 win after five straight hits to end the game in the bottom of the seventh.

Riding high, SJC moved to third in the regional rankings with the top eight teams earning a berth in the NCAA Tournament. However, the Pumas went off-road losing four straight home games to end the regular season

to Bellarmine and Northern Kentucky. SJC fell to the fourth seed in the GLVC Tournament and quickly exited the tournament after two consecutive losses.

The University of Illinois Springfield made a run to the title game that week, while Wayne State rallied to win the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Both teams, as well as NKU and Bellarmine, were sitting behind SJC in the rankings and when the tournament field was released, the Pumas held the seventh seed.

Traveling to Allendale, Michigan to play Grand Valley State is always a tough task as the Lakers maintained a no. 19 national ranking. The Pumas shocked GVSU 4-1 and followed the upset with a 1-0 victory over Ashland. The Golden Eagles earned a rematch with SJC after eliminat-



Amy Varner '12 rounds second base



Kylie Weeks '14





# Ball



Frank Wilkins leaned back in the dugout, paused, then threw his notes and clipboard into the air in awe.

ing the host Lakers.

Somewhat discrediting the Pumas, the people of Ashland were already prepping to host the next week's Super Regional. Usually awarded to the highest remaining seed, Ashland stood a great chance to host as Indianapolis was eliminated on Saturday on their home field by Illinois Springfield.

The Pumas held a 2-0 lead in the late innings on Sunday when **Rachel Weaver '12** hit one of the longest three-run home runs ever hit at GVSU softball field to give SJC a 5-0 lead. The Pumas won 5-1 and earned a trip to the Super Regional in Highland Heights, Kentucky on the campus of Northern Kentucky, who won the top half of the Midwest Regional bracket.

NKU was in its last season of Division II and a roster filled with players recruited in preparation for the transition to Division I. The Pumas had lost five of six games to NKU on the season, including the last three matchups two weeks prior. The Norse opened the

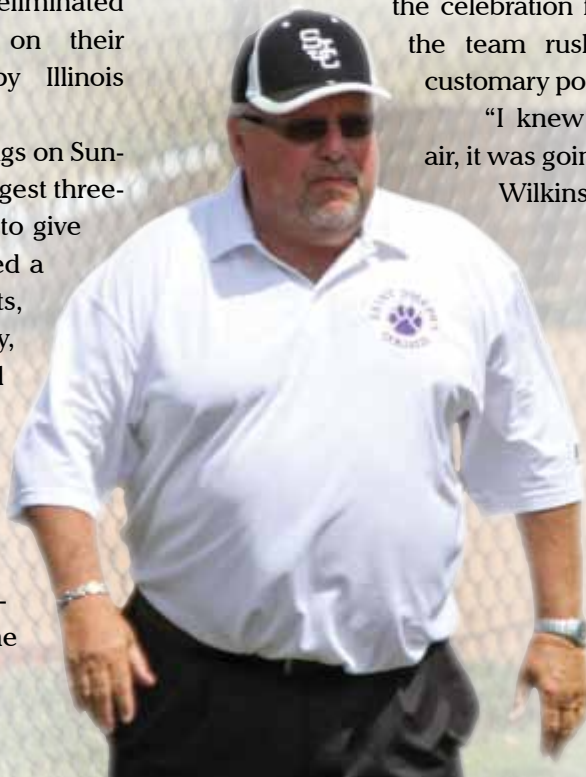
game with an unearned run in the bottom of the first. SJC had committed only one error in the previous 21 innings of postseason play.

SJC scored twice in the top of the fourth as Sarah Franklin '13 pitched the final inning, striking-out two of the Norse's most dangerous hitters. The Pu-

mas erased a 3-0 deficit in the second game in a best of three series. SJC then took a 5-3 lead into the seventh, but NKU loaded the bases with no outs. A line-out double play executed by **Amy Varner '12** put the Pumas one out away from the World Series.

Franklin immediately got the final out of the game as Kristin Paris '13 made a smooth running catch in center field. Head coach Frank Wilkins leaned back in the dugout, paused, then threw his notes and clipboard into the air in awe. He found his wife, Barb, quickly before the celebration for a long embrace as the team rushed together for the customary post-game dog pile.

"I knew if it was hit into the air, it was going to be an out," coach Wilkins said after the game.



Frank Wilkins



Wilkins commented on the honor of playing and sharing the field with the no. 18 team in the nation. He said, “Cinderella is still at the ball.”

Still playing the Cinderella card, Wilkins and the rest of the Pumas returned to campus early Sunday morning to a police escort and tour around downtown Rensselaer. SJC would depart for Louisville 24 hours later for the opening ceremonies of the Division II Spring Festival.

All participants enjoyed a great dinner in Millionaires Row at Churchill Downs while being allowed to roam the historic grounds.

Southern Connecticut State University scored twice against the Pumas in the opening inning, but SJC tied the game in the top of the sixth. SCSU bounced right back, adding an unearned run at the bottom of the sixth to escape with a victory. During the post-game press conference, Wilkins commented on the honor of playing and sharing the field with the no. 18 team in the nation, while explaining “Cinderella is still at the ball.”

Thursday brought on an elimination game against Flagler College. The Saints took a 2-0 lead midway through the contest, but the Pumas scored five times in the sixth to take a comfortable lead. After tying the game at 2-2, **Rachel Weaver '12** created an unforgettable memory by capping off the five-run rally with a three-run home run that put the Puma faithful into a frenzy.

SJC was playing the defending national champions, but no one seemed to be intimidated by the task ahead.

A controversial play allowed the University of California, San Diego to score in the opening inning, but a great defensive play by Kylie Weeks '14 in left field ended the



Sarah Jo Franklin '13 delivers a pitch



inning, while spurring the Pumas to answer in the bottom half of the first. **Brittnie Boerema '12** slid feet first into first base with two outs to earn an infield hit and RBI.

A classic battle continued as Franklin kept stifling the UCSD bats. The Pumas had chances to continue to make memories in the high drama of extra innings, but could not find the go-ahead hit before the Tritons. The run UCSD scored in the top of the 11<sup>th</sup> was enough to eliminate SJC from the World Series.

Back in Merrillville, the SJC Board of Trustees took a break from their meeting for the Board to watch the drama live online on May 18. During the Scholarship Dinner that evening, President Dr. F. Dennis Riegelneegg announced the achievement of the Pumas as the crowd responded with a standing ovation. The story was later relayed to the team by Dr. Riegelneegg upon arrival back to Rensselaer on Sunday morning. The Pumas presented Dr. Riegelneegg with a signed NCAA World Series game ball for his support of the program.





*Pumas on the bus before heading to Louisville*

*Shawn Hoskins '14*

*Brittanie Boerema '12*



*Team at the Division II Softball Championship Tournament*



*President Riegelnegg congratulates team*



During the Scholarship Dinner that evening, President Riegelnegg announced the achievement as the crowd responded with a standing ovation.

The Pumas made the most of the program's first-ever trip into the NCAA Tournament, being one of five teams still vying for a National Championship. SJC recorded 40 wins on the season, another program record. Frank Wilkins, the program's all-time "winningest" coach, pushed his win total to 290 victories. Boerema, Varner, and Weaver ended their careers playing in every contest for which they were eligible—203 games.



# MUSIC TIMELINE

FR. JUSTIN HENKEL, C.P.P.S., returned to the faculty and was destined to gain fame as an outstanding musician and self-made composer. He first joined the faculty in 1897 immediately after his ordination, as a teacher of vocal music and director of the choir, giving special attention to Gregorian Chant and other forms of church music. Though well versed in many areas, it was for his work as choir director and composer that he was best known.

THE COLLEGE BAND had a rebirth in the late 1950s with the arrival of a noted director and composer, Adam P. Lesinsky, 1958-1966.



1893

1911

1913

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1950



COLLEGE BUILT AN outdoor band stand. It stood directly south of the flag pole on the southwest edge of the grove north of the main entrance. Through the late 1940s to 1950s, it was customary to hold "pep rallies" around the band stand before a big game.

THE COLLEGE BAND (below), organized in the spring of 1893, owed its existence to the unexpected donation of a set of instruments by a benefactor. The players were all community students, though later the band was open to others. To it was added a College Choir, and a few years later the College Orchestra.



THE COLLEGE MILITARY band (below) made its debut in 1893. The band was a popular and indispensable organization and was called upon to grace numerous events over the years.



EARLIEST PHOTOGRAPH of the College choir in 1922 (bottom middle). The choir members were generally all religious students. The man in the grey suit is Professor Paul Tonner, the organist. Next is Fr. Justin Henkel, an excellent musician, composer, and choir director, 1897-1904 and 1911-1925. Many Precious Blood hymns still sung today were composed by him. He also composed the College *Alma Mater* song.



PLAYS CONTINUED TO be produced by the Columbian Literary Society until 1947. A memorable treat that year was the staging of Moliere's "The Miser" (above). The Director was Fr. Lawrence Heiman, C.P.P.S. '40. In the following year, Fr. Heiman changed the Society's name to the "Columbian Players," the name that has lasted to the present.

PROFESSOR PAUL TONNER (below) was hired by the College in 1918 and retired in 1963. He composed the music for the College "Fight Song."



1922





IN JANUARY IT was announced that the Music Department would initiate the Saint Joseph's Institute of Liturgical Music to begin in the summer session. The Institute, under the direction of **Fr. Lawrence Heiman, C.P.P.S. '40**, who had recently returned from two years of study in Rome, was modeled largely after the Corso Ordinario of Gregorian chant of the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music in Rome. Over the years the program has become the best known of its kind in the country.

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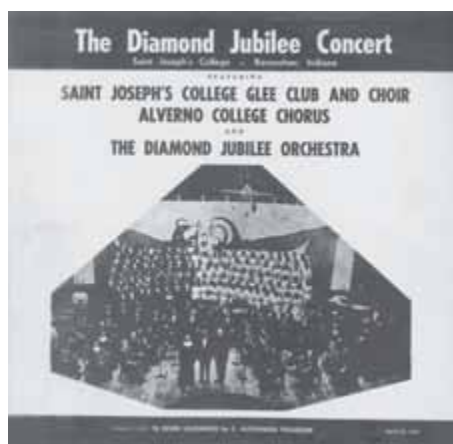
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ONE OF THE most stirring events in the Fieldhouse was the Diamond Jubilee Concert, April 12, 1964. It was conducted by C. Alexander Peloquin, whose "Te Deum" was featured. Assisting him were Sister M. Laudesia, O.S.F., who brought the Alverno College Chorus to the College, and Fr. Lawrence Heiman, who directed the Saint Joseph's College Glee Club.

THE COLLEGE BAND reached its moment of glory on November 8, 1971, when it was televised at Wrigley Field during the pre-game and half-time shows as guest of the Chicago Bears in their game with the San Francisco Forty-Niners.



THIS IS THE organ as it appears today.

IN 1989, FR. Kramer repaired and installed the Holtkamp pipe organ (right) that was transported from what had been Brunerndale Seminary, Canton, Ohio, to SJC. Here he is assembling it in Gaspar Center with the help of **Fr. Lawrence Heiman, C.P.P.S. '40**.



DURING THE FALL, the auditorium underwent a major renovation (bottom right). During the summer, a new baroque Tellers pipe organ had also been installed in the auditorium at a cost of \$17,800. The money was raised by **Fr. Lawrence Heiman, C.P.P.S. '40** and the Rensselaer Program of Church Music and Liturgy, since the organ was to be used primarily for musical instruction.

THE NORTH CENTRAL Association extended the accreditation of the College for another 10 years, and this included the newly created master's program for the Rensselaer Program of Church Music and Liturgy. A graduate program had been initiated in 1966, in affiliation with DePaul University

in Chicago. But on July 28, 1972, full accreditation was granted to Saint Joseph's own independent graduate program.



1967



# THE MUSIC OF SAINT

**S**aint Joseph's College has been shaped by countless men and women since its founding in 1889. Few have had such a lasting impact as **Fr. Lawrence Heiman, C.P.P.S. '40**.

Born in 1917 in Decatur, Ind., Fr. Heiman entered the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in 1932 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1943. He was then assigned to the faculty at Saint Joseph's College, where his exceptional musical talents and passion for teaching would inspire generations of students, employees, and many more.

Fr. Heiman studied theater at The Catholic University of America and taught Math and Theatre at SJC. He studied Gregorian chant at the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music in Rome, where he returned in the late 1960s to complete and defend his doctoral dissertation.

Fr. Heiman is best known as the founder of the Rensselaer Program of Church Music and Liturgy, which has provided summer study in liturgy and liturgical music at SJC for more than 50 years. It is the country's longest running educational program of its kind. The program, which Fr. Heiman directed for 35 years, has produced several success stories, including: **Anna Belle O'Shea '05**, Director of Liturgies and Music for the Archdiocese of Chicago; **Nancy Deacon '02**, Director of Music for the Most Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit; **Fr. John Schiavone '82**, a priest and liturgical composer in the archdiocese of Los Angeles, Calif.; and **Sr. Dolores Dufner, O.S.B. '72**, a hymn writer who resides at St. Bene-

dict Monastery in St. Joseph, Minn. Dr. Steve Janco, Director of Liturgy and Music for St. Eulalia Parish in Maywood, Ill., now runs the program.

Fr. Heiman held a variety of offices at the diocesan, state, and national levels, and is a founding father of the Church Music Association of America, the Composers Forum for Catholic Music, and the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. He founded the Gregorian Chant Institute at SJC in 1998. Fr. Heiman

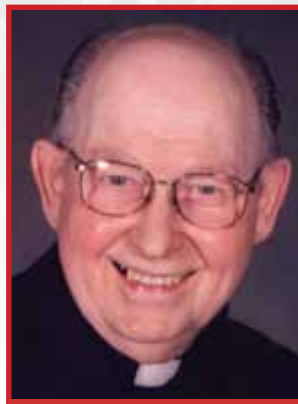
received numerous awards during his lifetime for his work in musical education. In 2002, he received the prestigious *Jubilate Deo* award from the National Association of Pastoral Musicians for his accomplishments.

**Sr. Barbara Ann Smelko, S.C. '79**, a graduate of the Rensselaer Program of Church Music and Liturgy, remains strongly influenced by Fr. Heiman's genuine relationships with his students and his willingness to approach everything and everyone with an open mind. After 45 years of church music and liturgy positions, Sr. Smelko now serves as Vocation Director of the Seton International House in Chicago and as a co-director of retreat and vocation ministries in the Chicago area.

"He was a 'we' person," said Sr. Smelko. "Fr. Heiman always involved others in making decisions, always look-

ing out for what was best for the students and never what would benefit him. Besides the material I learned in his classes, it was through his continued personal encouragement that I moved forward in developing my skills in music and liturgy. He was a person of broad perspectives."

**Sandra Hobbs '00**, the choir director at Lake Central High School in St. John, Ind. and graduate of the



Fr. Lawrence Heiman, C.P.P.S. '40

Heiman at 25th anniversary of ordination





# JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

## *Tribute to Fr. Lawrence Heiman*



Heiman directing

Schola Speciale 2003 Gregorian Chant



Rensselaer Program of Church Music and Liturgy, recalled Fr. Heiman's uncanny attention to detail and vast

intone the chant for us, have the recording engineer begin to record and then direct us through a chant. At the end of each chant, he would listen to the recording and we would eagerly await his approval. Let's just say the recordings always took several hours before Fr. Heiman deemed our singing worthy of a CD."

knowledge on a wide array of topics.

"Fr. Larry was well loved and respected by everyone," said Hobbs. "The man was so brilliant; he could talk with anyone about anything. We used to call his discussions 'pearls of wisdom.'"

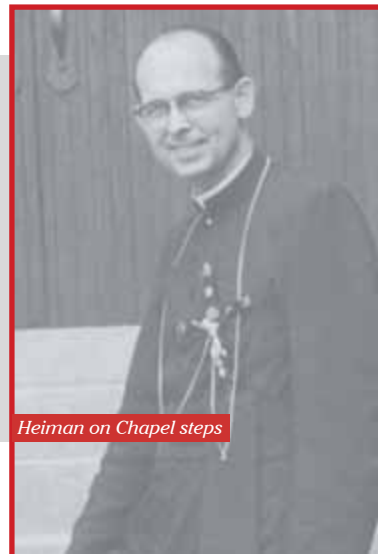
Hobbs, who took over the Gregorian Chant Institute for a time, recalled the fun yet grueling recordings the group would do at the end of Chant Institute Week.

"He would select about 12 students for the recording and we would go to a church in Lafayette. He would

To go along with his founding of the Rensselaer Program of Church Music and Liturgy, Fr. Heiman also led a revival of the SJC band following the College's greatest catastrophe. "The existence of the current band program can partially be credited to Fr. Heiman," said SJC Associate Professor of Music Robb Thiel. "After the Administration Building fire in 1973, the band gradually began to dwindle due in large part to the marching band uniforms being destroyed in the fire. Fr. Heiman took over the band program



**C.P.P.S. INTERVIEW +** In 2011, Fr. Heiman was one of several members of the C.P.P.S. interviewed for a video series featured on the SJC website. To view the video, visit [www.saintjoe.edu/life/ministry/interviews.html](http://www.saintjoe.edu/life/ministry/interviews.html).



Heiman on Chapel steps



### Dr. John Egan Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Teaching Anniversary and Retirement at SJC +

On June 2, Dr. John and Anne-Marie Egan performed a piano concert in celebration of John's retirement as Professor of Music after 50 years of teaching at SJC. This event also marked the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Saint Joseph's College Fellows Program.

Dr. Egan had been a member of the SJC faculty since 1962, and it has been said that in terms of music instruction, he is directly descended from Haydn and Beethoven at least five ways. He studied piano with Florence Bolton; Herman Os-theimer; Sister Gertrude Cecile Raterman; S.C., Jeno Takacs; Karin Dayas; Karroll Lisniewski; and Bela Boszor-

menyi-Nagy. He studied accompanying with Miriam Kockritz and Frank St. Leger. He coached with Mme. Emma Endres-Kountz, Kathleen Long, and Pia Sebastiani.

As Professor of Music and Chair of the Music Department, Dr. Egan's impact on music reached a national level. Of the numerous compositions he created, his major piece to date, "An American Requiem," has been performed both in the United States and abroad. It was commissioned for the Tenth Annual Indiana Catholic College Choral Festival held on the SJC campus in March 1966. Egan wrote the requiem in 1965 as tribute to the late President John F. Kennedy. It serves to remind people of the turmoil, angst, and hope for redemption following Kennedy's assassination.

In 2010, Dr. Egan received the Outstanding Hoosier Musician Award from the Indiana Music Educators Association (IMEA). The award was presented at the IMEA Convention in the 500 Ballroom of the Convention Center in Indianapolis, Ind. The IMEA Board of Directors established the Outstanding Hoosier Musician Award to give recognition to an individual who has contributed to the advancement of music education in the state of Indiana, and who has contributed outstanding service to local, state, and national music organizations.

Dr. Egan has made an immeasurable impact not only on Music, but on the Nursing Program at St. Elizabeth, in which he taught Core for 16 years. It became more than a job; it became "a marriageable apostolate." He has a deep affinity for the care, help, and healing that Nursing students provide: "I value that so very highly."

### Fr. Heiman continued

in the mid-1970s until the late 80s and maintained a band of about 20-25 students. If it were not for him, the College may have not given much thought to hiring a full time person to build the band program."

In a time when females still struggled with equality in the workplace, Fr. Heiman was very progressive in affording everyone the same opportunities regardless of gender. Anne-Marie Egan was one of the first lay female professors on campus, and she worked with Fr. Heiman for 30 years teaching in the Rensselaer Program of Church Music and Liturgy.

"Fr. Heiman was welcoming, hospitable, kind, eager to be helpful, and always considerate of others," said Egan. "He was also very accommodating to students and guests. When our family moved to Rensselaer, our furniture was delayed for several weeks. We were then his guests on campus for meals, and he even took care of feeding our oldest daughter, who was one-and-a-half years old at the time."

Fr. Heiman retired to St. Charles Center in Carthagen, Ohio in 2007 after serving on the faculty at SJC for 63 years. He passed away February 26, 2012 at the age of 94.

A teacher, a friend, a musician, and a man of God, Fr. Heiman has left behind a legacy of acceptance, dedication, and kindness that will forever be the fabric of the culture at Saint Joseph's College.

At Fr. Heiman's funeral, **Fr. Ralph Verdi, C.P.P.S. '68**, speculated, "We may all one day see at the head of the heavenly choir a music director we all know and loved so well."

It's hard to imagine a more welcoming sound and face when entering the heavenly kingdom.





## A TRUE EXAMPLE *of the* PUMA SPIRIT



Since 2010, **Kathi Corwin '12** has dedicated herself to the beautification of Lake Banet Park. A native of Valparaiso, Ind., the Lake Banet Manager received her Bachelor of Science in History from SJC in May. Corwin was featured in the story “CorWIN for Lake Banet” in the 2011 fall edition of *Contact*.

After reading the *Contact* story, **Jeff Peters '77** and friends were inspired to assist **Corwin** in continuing to improve Lake Banet Park.

Peters' group, which included Paul Shrader of Shrader Tire and Oil, Inc., **Larry Kline '78**, **James Unverferth '77**, **Patricia Skinner '77**, **Lynn Ugino McGill '77**, **Daniel Krodel '76**, **Matthew Heaney '80**, **Ann Zgonc Moyer '77**, and **James Lanzarotta '80**, raised \$1,350 to be used at Corwin's discretion.

“The story on Kathi Corwin really inspired us to support her efforts in improving Lake Banet Park,” said Peters. “She has proven that a single Puma can make a big difference.”

With the money donated, an informational sign was purchased for Lake Banet Park. The sign is used to post information on such things as lake events and swimming and fishing guidelines.

“I am very grateful for the support given by these wonderful alumni,” said Corwin. “Their touching gesture is a true example of the Puma spirit, and I want people to be reminded of that whenever they come out to Lake Banet Park.”

If you would like to support Lake Banet Park, contact SJC's Director of Development **Mark Brouwer '04** at [mbrouwer@saintjoe.edu](mailto:mbrouwer@saintjoe.edu) or 219.866.6429.



**Kathi Corwin '12, Dave Dixon, and Courtney Tam '12**  
at the Academic Awards ceremony

## 2012 Little 500 Saint Joseph's College

Results of Student Race



Pos	No.	Name	Laps	Total Time	Diff	Hometown	Best Time	Total distance
1	48	Kyle Rayburn	141	1:57:30.621		Rensselaer	43.930	70.500
2	3	Brian Kane	140	1:57:52.640	1 Lap	Lake Village	43.917	70.000
3	8	Jon Christiansen	137	1:58:02.718	4 Laps	Monticello	44.900	68.500
4	88	Luis DeLeon	136	1:57:57.876	5 Laps	Chicago	44.544	68.000
5	25	Morgan Myers	135	1:58:07.934	6 Laps	Demott	45.514	67.500
6	13	Harrison Beeson	135	1:58:11.661	6 Laps	Kenosha	44.474	67.500
7	92	Dane VanHouten	135	1:58:16.021	6 Laps	Rensselaer	44.713	67.500
8	23	Adam Meeker	133	1:57:36.089	8 Laps	Schererville	45.983	66.500
9	22	Matt Schumacher	129	1:57:59.022	12 Laps	Lemont	47.324	64.500
10	43	Ben Geels	129	1:57:59.329	12 Laps	Fort Wayne	46.099	64.500
11	5	Phil Rabenstein	129	1:58:02.787	12 Laps	Colfax	46.705	64.500
12	99	Travis Kepner	129	1:58:08.294	12 Laps	Fowler	45.980	64.500
13	55	John Manning	128	1:58:11.378	13 Laps	Lockport	44.641	64.000
14	7	Stephanie Martin	126	1:57:59.625	15 Laps	Lafayette	47.218	63.000
15	31	Anthony Allen	112	1:58:16.822	29 Laps	Rensselaer	47.402	56.000
16	4	Rose Nowicki	106	1:57:49.098	35 Laps	Hobart	50.886	53.000
17	12	Randee Portteus	41	54:36.311	100 Laps	Monrovia	44.881	20.500

# LITTLE 500 ANNIVERSARY

**1963** | First race (50<sup>th</sup> running this year). Originally, students raced wooden carts on a track around the Arts & Science Building. The winner won \$50. Second and third place contestants earned \$30 and \$20.

**1965** | Racing time was cut in half to four hours, but a time trial portion was added.

**1965** | Little 500 expanded, becoming an entire weekend event.

**1970** | This race was the first one in which motorized go-karts were used. Racers started clocking in at speeds of 60 mph and over.

**ENDURANCE FOR PAIN** | For 500 minutes (8 hours and 20 minutes), the participants either drove or pushed their wooden cart for the duration of the race.





## 2012 Little 500 Saint Joseph's College

### Results of Alumni Race

Pos	No.	Name	Laps	Total Time	Diff	Hometown	Best Time	Total distance
1	92	Andrew Malone	63	40:53.764		Rensselaer	36.168	31.500
2	11	Tom Stefaniak	63	41:23.388	29.624	Dyer	37.465	31.500
3	4	Jon Messman	62	40:59.035	1 Lap	Rensselaer	38.108	31.000
4	27	Jason Ostrowski	62	41:25.569	1 Lap	Brookfield	38.276	31.000
5	5	Ron Kasparian	61	41:26.228	2 Laps	Rensselaer	39.030	30.500
6	7	Brian Bugajski	59	41:33.979	4 Laps	Lafayette	39.677	29.500
7	17	Mike Stader	57	41:27.630	6 Laps	Plainfield	38.205	28.500
8	2	Tom Messman, Jr.	37	26:00.408	26 Laps	Rensselaer	39.685	18.500



# IT'S A PUMA THING...

**1973** | In addition to track updates, safety precautions were made.

**1980** | Engines in all go-karts were standardized. The race was now based on the driving ability of the competitors and not financial support to buy more powerful engines.

**1986** | Another cut in the race time.

**1994** | An hour-long SJC alumni race was added. Today: Little 500 is a weeklong event with the Mr. and Ms. Puma Competition, live music, booths, carnival entertainment, and a Beer and Brat tent.



# FACULTY Notes



NEAL HASKELL, PH.D., Professor of Biology, is featured in *National Geographic's* "The Decrypters" show (on video at 1:20): "Maggot Time Line: Entomologists use insect activity to determine time of death, but can it help decipher a 250 year-old mystery?"

**TODD HUFF '03**, Lecturer, was elected Vice President of the SJC Council of Fellows on May 23. He became an Affiliate Member of the Rubber Division of the American Chemical Society on March 22. He attended "Rubber Technician Training" at the University of Akron, May 14-17 and *Industry Week's* Best Plants Tour of General Cable-Indianapolis Compounds on April 23.

STEVE JANCO, M.C.M., D.Min., gave a presentation in Milwaukee on May 21 titled "Composing for the Liturgical Context" as part of the Composer Seminar sponsored by the School Sisters of St. Francis Music Ministry. He also presented two workshops at the national convention of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians in Pittsburgh on July 26-27. He was commissioned this spring to write a new piece for choir, congregation, and brass for the 2012 Adult Choir Festival of the Archdiocese of Chicago. "One Sacred Communion" will be sung for the first time at the Festival Eucharist on November 18. Steve has also written the Introduction to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops document *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship* for the forthcoming fifth edition of *The Liturgy Documents, Volume One*, published by Liturgy Training Publications.



Rev. Jeffrey Kirch, C.P.P.S. '98

**REV. JEFFREY KIRCH, C.P.P.S. '98**, Assistant Professor of Religion, attended the conference "Project on Assessing Liberal Education" organized by Dr. John Nichols and held at SJC June 3-6, 2012. Eight other institutions—independent and public—also participated.



Terra Maienbrook '97

**TERRA D. MAIENBROOK '97**, Associate Professor of Accounting, attended the Indiana CPA Society Educator Conference in Indianapolis on May 4 and the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) Annual Conference in Kansas City in April. She is currently serving as the Treasurer of the Great Lakes Region of IACBE.



Teresa M. Massoels '89 (R) with Marge McIlwain (L)

**TERESA M. MASSOELS '89**, Associate Professor of Management and Marketing, attended: Great Lakes Valley Conference Steering Committee Meeting in Indianapolis on April 4; Midwestern Higher Education Compact in St. Louis April 19-20; and Great Lakes Valley Conference Spring Meeting in St. Louis May 21-23.

**JERRY MCKIM, PH.D. '72**, Associate Professor of Education, recently attended the annual Council for



Exceptional Children Convention and Expo held April 11-14 in Denver, Colo. at the Colorado Convention Center. This is the premier forum for special and gifted educators with hundreds of session topics to choose from. There were numerous sessions specifically dedicated to the interests of higher education educators.

JOHN NICHOLS, PH.D., Professor of Philosophy and NEH Distinguished Professor, is engaged in the Eligibility Council work he was invited to do as a member of the new HLC Eligibility Council. He did a “focused” visit to Mount Mary College in Milwaukee for the HLC April 29 to May 1 and has been asked to work with HLC’s alternative path to accreditation—the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) Reaffirmation (of accreditation) Panel again in 2012-13. With the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vatican II Council, Nichols is being asked to do a number of things for the Lafayette Diocese to celebrate the work of this ecumenical council. In May—June of 2011 and again this year, he is doing five sessions for graduates of the Ecclesial Lay Ministry program on the documents produced by the Council. In October, November, and next March, Nichols and Most Reverend William L. Higi, Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, will do three weekend retreats in Hartford City, Ind. on the work of Vatican II. Finally, five parishes in the Carmel, Ind. area have asked Nichols to do a series of five talks about the Council. On May 22, Nichols also did a presentation in Noblesville, Ind. on the tradition of social justice teachings in the Catholic Church. The Association for General and Liberal Studies has entrusted Nichols with the leadership of its project: studying how to assess liberal education student learning in capstone courses without “dumbing down” the level of student performance just to get assessment data. There are 10 schools in the project nationwide, and they had a working session on the SJC campus June 3-6.

**MICHAEL NICHOLS, PH.D. '00**, William E. Johnston, Jr. Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, published the following: “Convince the Professor: Classroom Debate with a Twist” in *Teaching Theology and Religion*, 15.1 (January 2012): 41. He is publishing “Dialogues with Death: Ma-ra, Yama, and Coming to Terms with Mortality in Classical Hindu and Indian Buddhist Traditions” in *Religions of South Asia* in volume 6, issue 2 (forthcoming). Nichols presented the paper “A Twist of the Screwtape: A Comparison of the Representations of the Demonic in C.S. Lewis’ *The Screwtape Letters* and Ajahn Punnadhammo’s *Letter from Ma-ra*” at the American Academy of Religion Midwest Regional Meeting in Rock Island, Ill. March 30-31. He attended the NetVUE conference, “Loaves and Fishes: Multiplying Opportunities for Theological Exploration of

Vocation,” which was hosted by Monmouth College in Monmouth, Ill. March 23-24.



Tom Ryan '70

**TOM RYAN, ED.D., '70**, Associate Professor of Education, was honored to receive the “Moralitas Award” from the Class of 2012 at the Baccalaureate Mass. In the spring semester, Ryan, along with two students—Mathematics major/Education minor **Amy Varner '12**

and History major/Education minor Billy VandeMerkt '14—represented the Saint Joseph’s College’s Education Division by making three presentations about becoming a teacher to local high schools.

PETER WATKINS, PH.D., Professor of Political Science, is supervising a dual credit course at Rensselaer Central High School (RCHS), in which SJC offers POL 101: American Politics to students at RCHS for college credit. The program will begin its third year in fall 2012. During the fall 2010 semester, 18 students enrolled in the class. In fall 2011, the number of students in the class climbed to 39. The class will be offered again next semester.



William A. White

**WILLIAM A. WHITE, PH.D.**, Professor of History, scored AP essay exams for Educational Testing Service May 31—June 7. This will be his 12<sup>th</sup> year of grading and learning about teaching from the best high school U.S. history teachers in the country.



Bonnie Zimmer

**BONNIE ZIMMER**, Associate Professor of Art and Assistant Professor of Education, was the coordinator and instructor for Prairie Arts Council’s “Artcamp ‘12” — more than 100 arts workshops for individuals of all ages held in Jasper and Newton counties June 25-29. It’s the inaugural event for Prairie Arts Council’s 20th anniversary year of special arts events and programs. Zimmer was invited to submit original art for “Charity,” an exhibition taking place May 18 - Sept 5 consisting of “art” chairs created for the Museum of Art of Greater Lafayette, to be auctioned in September. She was also invited to create a work for “Above the Rail,” an exhibition in which selected artists created wall pieces for sale. Her solo show, “Natural Selection,” took place June 1 - July 1 at the Southern Shore Artists’ Gallery in Michigan City, Ind. She

was an exhibiting artist in a show, “TRASHION,” consisting of wearable art created from recycled materials. The show took place June 3 - July 15 at the South Shore Visitors and Convention Bureau in Hammond, Ind.

LANA ZIMMER, PH.D., Associate Professor of Education, received a \$25,000 Ball Venture Fund grant to launch a Hoophouse Farming Eduventure, a start-up business and educational collaboration that includes constructing a mobile hoophouse, planting vegetables in all four seasons, and selling these vegetables to local markets. Zimmer also received a \$5,000 grant from the national nonprofit Alliance for Community Trees (ACTrees) to provide trees and equipment for the newly planted orchard south of Schwietermann Hall on the SJC campus. This site will be considered a local People’s Garden, part of the nationwide network of gardens supported by the USDA People’s

Garden Initiative. The orchard has been identified as a point of interest by the Rensselaer Urban Forestry Council. It will be used to provide healthy, locally grown food to the Good Samaritan Food Pantry in Rensselaer. Zimmer organized an institution-wide garage sale on May 19. The items sold were collected when students moved out for the summer. Sales proceeds benefited the Good Samaritan Food Pantry in Rensselaer and SJC sustainability projects such as the Learning Garden, a small plot of land on campus used to take advantage of fresh, locally grown food. Items not sold were donated to Jasper Junction in Rensselaer. Zimmer is the Jasper County Soil Water and Conservation District (SWCD) supervisor overseeing the Upper Iroquois Watershed Initiative (UIWI), a grant initiative for watershed planning. The goal of the UIWI is to develop a watershed management plan that will ensure an ecologically and economically healthy Iroquois River watershed for today and generations to come.



#### PUMA POPPERS FUNDRAISING + Prof. Teresa Massoels' '89

Sales and Marketing Management class was able to send a check for \$800 to the Boys and Girls Club with the sales of Puma Poppers this year. This was the 5th year for the project. Front Row: **Samuel Gonzalez '12**, Scott Kubo '13, **Eric Meyerchick '12**, Jessie Ruisard '13. Back Row: **Prof. Teresa Massoels '89**, **Matthew Schumacher '12**, Paul Cunningham '12, Jonathan Hirst '12.



**COLLOQUIUM +** Fkrti Negassi '14 and Prof. Bob Brodman at the 9th Annual Undergraduate Research Colloquium on April 17.



**COLLOQUIUM +** Art major Shane Pack '13 featured his presentation, “The Goblet of Fire,” for the Undergraduate Research Colloquium.



# CLASS Notes

**TERENCE F. MACCARTHY '55**, a graduate of St. Rita High School, was recently honored by the school for his professional accomplishments in law; they inducted him into the St. Rita Hall of Fame. MacCarthy was a recipient of the SJC Alumni Achievement Award in 2007.

**MICHAEL J. GEORGESON '69** will celebrate 27 years at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, Nev., making this his 24<sup>th</sup> year as a casino host.

**REV. JOSEPH E. MILLER, C.PPS. '72** is the Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Warrensburg, Mo. after serving four years as Vocation Director of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Kansas City Province.

**REV. CLARENCE WILLIAMS, C.PPS, PH.D. '73** is the Senior Director of Racial Equality and Diversity Initiatives for the national office of Catholic Charities USA in Alexandria, Va. He established an office of the Institute for Recovery from Racisms® at the Paulist North American Center in Washington, DC and continues to serve as its director. He presents lectures and workshops on the subject of racism to civic, educational, and religious leaders throughout the United States, South America, Africa, and Europe. In 1989, Fr. Williams produced a nationwide satellite teleconference on racism involving more than 4,000 participants in 20 states and 44 cities. A second teleconference was produced in 1992 with 8,000 participants. In 1998, he received his doctorate in Education and Communications with emphasis in Global and Cultural Studies from the Union Institute & University in Cincinnati. He is the author of *Recovery from Everyday Racisms* (1999); *Racial Sobriety: A Journey from Hurts to Healing* (2002); *The Spanish Workbook* (2004); *The Portuguese Workbook* (2005); and *Racial Sobriety: Becoming the Change You Want to See* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2008). He is the co-convenor of Building Bridges in Black and Brown, a national dialogue between the African American and Hispanic/Latino communities, and the editor of *People of the Pyramids: The Dialogue between the African American and Hispanic/Latino Communities* (1998). In 1997, he received the Keep the Dream Alive Award in Detroit at St. Anthony Church; in 1999, he received the Dr. King Unity and Peace Award at St. Mary Cathedral in Miami, Fla. and the Archbishop James Lyke Award from the Pan African Roman Catholic Clergy Conference; in 2008,

he received the Teresa Maxis Award; in 2009, he received the Msgr. Phillip Murnion Award for Pastoral Excellence in Faith and Culture from the National Pastoral Life Center in New York City. He has served on the boards of colleges and universities and as the vice chairperson of Bread for the World.

**FUAD HAMMOUDEH '74** joined St. Vincent Cancer Care in Indianapolis, Ind. as executive director. He was previously administrator of Cancer Programs at Indiana University Health and division administrator of Hematology and Oncology at the Indiana University School of Medicine.

**WILLIAM "ANDY" HOLLERMAN '81** has been involved in competition BBQ since 2003. Starting with judging in Kansas City BBQ Society and Memphis BBQ Network contests, Andy and Lynn Hollerman branched into officiating as head judges for the International BBQ Cookers Association in 2007 and as coordinators for the Louisiana BBQ Cookers Association in 2009. In that year, the Hollermans began cooking in BBQ contests under the name of "Glowz BBQ." This name was chosen to honor the topic of Hollerman's physics research. Since the early 1990s, Dr. Hollerman has been working to investigate the physical properties of luminescent materials, which glow in the dark when excited. Making things glow in the dark, either in physics research or cooking championship—caliber BBQ, has been a passion of the Hollermans for many years. Glowz BBQ cooks in more than four BBQ contests each year. In 2011, the Hollermans won their First Grand Championship at a sanctioned BBQ contest in Kountze, Texas—also winning the brisket category. The goal of Glowz BBQ is to have a good time cooking championship quality BBQ.

**JENNY WORDEN CHANDLER '88** is senior account executive at Sallie Mae. She was the winner of the largest percentage volume of growth across all sales teams in 2011. Even with double-digit unemployment and flat enrollment in her Michigan territory, Jenny won a 35% volume increase at the key large four-year public schools like University of Michigan, Michigan State, Western Michigan and Wayne State University. The award was presented in February at the annual Sallie Mae Banquet, which was held in Tempe, Ariz.

**BRIAN STUDEBAKER '92** was named the Director of Admissions and Enrollment Management at Holy Cross College in Notre Dame, Ind.



*Shewmaker '93*

**JULIE OBERMEYER SHEWMAKER, CPA '93** joined Christian Theological Seminary (CTS) as Chief Operating Officer. Shewmaker's responsibilities encompass all budgetary and financial operations at the Seminary including managing endowment investments, capital planning, and risk management. She joins CTS from

the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, where she served as controller for 11 years, leading the Archdiocesan budgeting process for more than 30 agencies and 150 parishes. Prior to her role with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Shewmaker served as a manager in the Assurance and Business Advisory Services practice of PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLC, where she focused on manufacturing and not for profit clients. Shewmaker is a member of the Indiana CPA Society and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She graduated *magna cum laude*.

**MARK A. SANSONE '97** has been elected to partner of the Chicago law firm Cassiday Schade LLP. Mark handles litigation involving medical malpractice, premises liability, transportation, and construction liability.

**MELISSA MELINAUSKAS MARSHALL '06** is the recipient of the Legal Marketing Association (LMA) 2012 Rising Star Award and is the regional marketing manager at Clark Hill PLC, where she manages all aspects of the firm's marketing and business development initiatives for the Chicago and Phoenix offices. Marshall began her career in legal marketing directly out of college and immediately became a member of the LMA. She has served as chair of the LMA Midwest Chapter New Member Welcome Committee since 2007 and was vice chair of the LMA Midwest Membership Committee from 2007 to 2011. Because of her contributions to the chapter, she received the 2011 LMA Midwest Chapter Rising Star award in February 2011. And as the current co-chair of the LMA Midwest Conference Committee and Midwest Chapter Treasurer-Elect, she will continue to play a role in guiding the direction of this well established chapter.

**JONATHON BOYD '09** was selected as the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Operational District One Officer of the Year as voted on by his peers. District One comprises

the counties of St. Joseph, Elkhart, Marshall, Fulton, Kosciusko, Miami, and Wabash. There are currently 16 officers patrolling these seven counties.

**JONATHAN KIRKLAND '11** will attend the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in Detroit, Mich.

**MONICA LOHMULLER '12** accepted a chemistry teaching position at Benton Central Jr - Sr High School in Oxford, Ind.



*Randy Brooks '06 is engaged to Stephanie Horstmann*

## ENGAGEMENTS +

**RANDY BROOKS '06** to Stephanie Horstmann. A November 2013 wedding in the Saint Joseph's Chapel is planned with **KATIE DAVET '04** as part of the wedding party.

## MARRIAGES +

Terrance James Crnkovich to **VICKI JAROSZEWSKI '98**, 12/31/10.

**NICHOLE LUKOWSKI '98** to David Barocio, 4/27/12.

**BLAIRE HENLEY '02** to Kyle Evans, 04/07/12. Pumas in the wedding party included **JORDAN HENLEY VANDEHEY '07** and **HEATHER HAGAN MCVEIGH '01** joined by several other Pumas in attendance.



*Blaire Henley '02  
wed Kyle Evans  
on April 7, 2012*



**CARRIE OSWALD '04** to Daniel Piet, 9/23/11.

**KRISTEN GEPHART '10** to **ANTHONY CUNNINGHAM '06**, 5/22/10. Pumas in the wedding party included **ZACHARY ERB '06**, **SCOTT SMOLEK '05**, **MICHAEL STAWSKI, JR. '06**, **ADAM ZIMMERMAN '05**, **MICHAEL STITZ '08**, **PAIGE POPRAVAK '09**, **SHANNON JONES '09**, and **RACHEL COBEAN '09**.

**MICHELLE KIGER '09** to Joe White, 3/3/12.

## BIRTHS +

Brady Matthew Robert Cunningham to **ANTHONY '06** and **KRISTEN GEPHART CUNNINGHAM '10**, 7/15/11.

Eleanor Catherine McNelis to David '02 and **CHRISTINE MALNARICK MCNELIS '02**, 7/27/11.

Audrey Louise Helmbrecht to Sam and **CINDY HUTCHISON HELMBRECHT '01**, 12/8/11.

Eizabeth Marie Heinz to **BROCK '01** and **CATHERINE COX HEINZ '01**, 12/13/11. Eizabeth joins big bothers Will (3) and Casey (1).

Austin Miller to **JASON '00** and **STEPHANIE BOWERS MILLER '01**, 1/10/12. He joins big sisters Autumn (7) and Evie (2), and big brother Ethan (9). Austin is welcomed to the family by

aunt and uncles, **GARY '97** and **CHASITY MILLER CAMPBELL '97**, and **NATHAN BOWERS '03**.

Claire Edith Rowe to Nick and **RACHEL LANCASTER ROWE '04**, 2/14/12.

Mackenzie Evelyn Parrish to Aaron and **AMBER MATTOCKS PARRISH '04**, 2/23/12. Mackenzie joins big sisters Madison (4) and Makayla (2).

Margaret Anne Minnis to **PEG MCLEISH '98** and Andrew Minnis, 2/27/12.

**JAMES '61** and Juliet **OEFFINGER**, SJC Fellows, are the proud grandparents of identical twin boys, Braydon and Nathan, 3/2/12.

Kenzie Elizabeth Hardy to **BILL '05** and Nicole **Hardy**, 3/7/12.

Kenzie is welcomed to the family by proud grandparents **WILLIAM '79** and **NANCY DEUTSCHMANN HARDY '79**.

Alena Poe Statzer to **DARRELL '05** and **RAQUEL VARGAS STATZER '04**, 3/7/12.

Ezra James Seidel to **ERIC MATTHEW SEIDEL '01** and Dr. Jennifer Hanan Seidel, 3/28/12. He is the first grandchild for SJC Fellows Al and Molly Seidel.

Gabriel Solis to Horacio and **SARA REASONER SOLIS '00**, 5/20/12. He is welcomed to the family by big brothers Julian (6) and Ethan (4).



Alena Poe Statzer



Audrey Louise Helmbrecht



Kenzie Elizabeth Hardy



Ezra James Seidel

## DEATHS +

**REV. LAWRENCE F. HEIMAN, C.P.P.S. '40**, Professor Emeritus of Music, SJC Fellow, and uncle of **JUDGE JAMES '64** and **JOANN HEIMAN HEIMANN '78**, 2/26/12.

**REV. GERALD X. CURRAN '45**, 11/4/08.

**REV. ROBERT REINHART, C.P.P.S. '49**, 6/2/12.

**CHESTER C. KUSEK '50**, SJC Fellow, 9/14/11.

**JOSEPH PRZYBYLA '50**, 1/8/12.

**EUGENE ZIEMBA '53**, 12/21/10.

**LEROY J. SELNEK '55**, SJC Fellow, 4/17/11.

**WALTER ROZANAS '55**, 3/30/12.

**ROBERT NAAB '56**, 3/5/12.

**JAMES ADAMS '57**, 2011.

**GEORGE RICKORD '58**, 11/17/08.

**HAROLD SHUSTER '58**, SJC Fellow, 4/23/12.

**PAUL F. FETTIG '59**, SJC Fellow, 5/6/12.

**TIMOTHY DONOVAN '61**, 10/22/09.

**WILLIAM DZIADOSZ '61**, 2/21/12.

**TIMOTHY HOLLIHAN '61**, 4/16/12.

**RICHARD O. SPICER '62**, 3/27/12.

**EMILIO "MILO" ENRIQUEZ '63**, 3/6/12.

**TED WARZYNSKI '64**, 6/28/11.

**LAWRENCE BROST '64**, 2/25/12.

**JOHN F. HARTFORD '65**, 4/17/12.

**RICHARD DICKREDE '67**, 3/27/12.

**SR. CARMEN MONTOYA, O.L.V.M. '77**, 12/14/11.

**CAROL HOSPODKA HOBSCHEID '77**, mother of John, Jr. and Kaitlyn Hobscheid; daughter of Irene (dec.) and **RONALD HOSPODKA '53**; sister of **RONALD, JR. '76** and **ROBERT HOSPODKA '79**; and aunt of Kelly Hospodka, all SJC Fellows, 1/24/12.

**MICHAEL J. KARAFFA '77**, 3/8/12.

**GERARD FABER '80**, 7/1/11.

**JAMES F. PRONTEAU, JR. '80**, 1/31/12.

**ERIC BECKER '87**, 4/20/12.

**JAMIE LYNN STOCKDALE '14**, 5/23/12.

Joseph Slisz, father of **MARK SLISZ '77**, 8/21/10.

Dale and Carol Dawson, parents of **ROBERT DAWSON '48**, 3/27/11 and 3/31/12 respectively.

Charles "Chuck" Heggi, father of **KEVIN HEGGI '87**, 5/12/11.

Anthony Montemayor, father of **MELISSA MONTEMAYOR '12**, 5/14/11.

Ralph Morenz, father of **STEVEN R. MORENZ '87**, 5/31/11.

Edwin "Butch" Burns father of **DAVID BURNS '85**, 7/18/11.

Helen McShane, wife of **JOSEPH MCSHANE '46**, 9/22/11.

Wilma Tougas, wife of **MARC E.J. TOUGAS '81**, 10/19/11.

Peggy Freeman, wife of **WARREN FREEMAN '48**, 10/28/11.

Mac L. Behnke, SJC Fellow and father of SJC Trustee and Fellow **MARK A. BEHNKE '80**, 11/19/11.

Flora C. Knoll, grandmother of **RACHAEL KNOLL '14**, 12/7/11.

Sr. M. Agnes Christine Mullen, C.P.P.S., sister of **REV. CHARLES '58** and **REV. BERNARD MULLEN, C.P.P.S. '44**, 1/3/12.

Roger Scherer, brother of **REV. GARY SCHERER, C.P.P.S. '63**, 1/9/12.

Richard Jaeger, father/father-in-law of **NAN-MARIE JAEGER '76** and **RICHARD MANNING '76**, 1/24/12.

Raymond Pfledderer, father of SJC Fellow Pamela Pfledderer Jentz, 2/6/12.

Irene Hospodka, wife of **RONALD HOSPODKA '53**; mother of **RONALD, JR. '76**, **ROBERT '79**, and John **HOSPODKA**; grandmother of Kelly Hospodka, John, Jr., and Kaitlyn Hobscheid, all SJC Fellows, 2/15/12.

Glenn McDonald, father-in-law of **THOMAS GANZ '69**, 2/23/12.



Audrey Wysoglad, SJC Fellow and wife of SJC Fellow **KENNETH WYSOGLAD '63**, 2/26/12.

Paul W. Ludington, father of SJC Staff and Fellow Richard Ludington and grandfather of TODD LUDINGTON '06, 3/2/12.

Helen Edwina "Wendy" Hughes, wife of SJC Friend Jerome "Jerry" Hughes, 3/6/12.

Theodore "Ted" Filson, SJC Fellow and grandfather of CONNIE FILSON ANDERSON '94, 3/8/12.

Louise Clara Kramer, mother of **REV. SCOTT T. KRAMER, C.PPS. '85**, 3/12/12.

Alice Mary "Mazie" Ryan, mother/mother-in-law of SJC Fellows and faculty **THOMAS J., SR. '70** and **MARY BETH CLARK RYAN '83**; grandmother of SJC Fellows TAMMY RYAN PHIPPS '90, **THOMAS J. RYAN, JR. '95**, MATTHEW '97, and **KERRY RYAN STEVENS '91**, 3/27/12.

Alma Sizemore, mother/mother-in-law of SJC Fellows Jeffrey and SJC staff **DEBRA PARISH SIZEMORE '88**, 4/3/12.

Frank Maidenberg, father of SJC Fellow Anthony Maidenberg, 4/21/12.

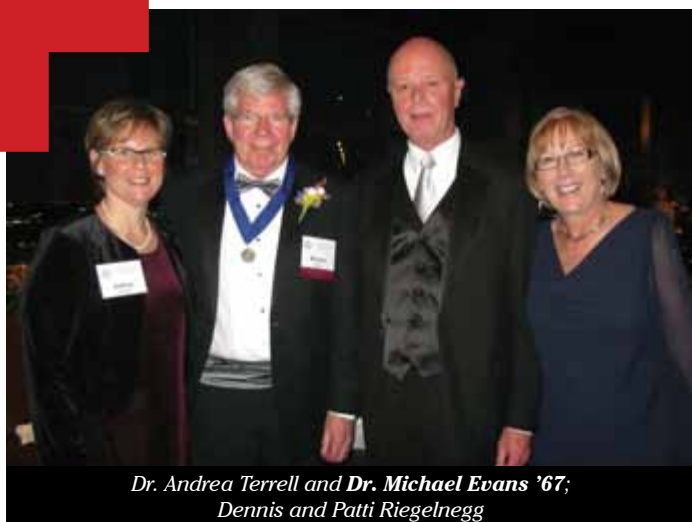
Rose Geleott, mother of SJC Fellows **LT. COL. RONALD '65** and Judith **GELEOTT**; grandmother of SJC Fellows **KEVIN '89**, Kathryn, and **PATRICK GELEOTT '95**; and great grandmother of SJC Fellows Camille and Jackson, and Aidan, Zachary, and Andrew Geleott, 5/5/12.

Anna Belle Marie O'Shea, mother of **ANNA BELLE O'SHEA '04**, 5/9/12.

William Yahl, brother-in-law of **REV. HAROLD C. BROWN, C.PPS. '55** and **REV. JOSEPH L. BROWN, C.PPS. '65**, 5/12/12.

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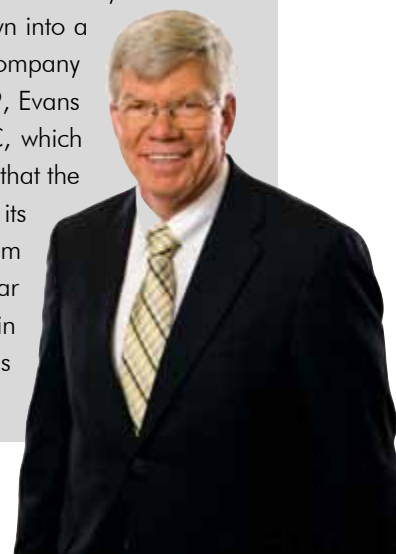


*Dr. Andrea Terrell and Dr. Michael Evans '67;  
Dennis and Patti Riegelneegg*

**MICHAEL A. EVANS, PH.D. '67 INDUCTED INTO THE INDIANA ACADEMY FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS + Michael A. Evans, Ph.D. '67**

was inducted into The Indiana Academy at its 42<sup>nd</sup> annual symposium on April 16 in Indianapolis. Evans founded AIT Laboratories, which provides laboratory and consulting services in compliance monitoring, clinical and forensics toxicology, and bio-analytical testing for the pharmaceutical industry. Since its founding, AIT has grown into a premiere testing and research company recognized nationwide. In 2009, Evans made a \$10 million gift to SJC, which

at the time was the largest gift made in the College's 123-year history. Evans recommended that the gift be used for scholarships but also earmarked its use for the general support of SJC and its programs at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. His desire was nothing but the "maximum benefit" of the gift with the hope of encouraging recipients to think about establishing a similar scholarship when they reach the age or capacity to do so. Evans also made a gift to SJC in 2008 in support of the 21st Century Campaign, and the Evans Arts and Science Building was subsequently named in his honor.





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- Replace roofing over the East Stair and Reconciliation Room
- Repoint exterior masonry walls of the Chapel
- Replace gutters and downspouts not replaced during the previous roofing project

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